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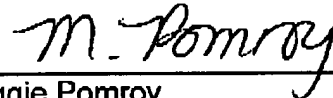
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Sir:

In response to the office action dated April 13, 2006, please amend the above identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.